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## **Full Text**

The Permanent Forum continues to be deeply disturbed by the threats that the extractive industries, infrastructure megaprojects, such as roads and dams, legal and illegal logging, and the expansion of large-scale agriculture pose to the indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation and initial contact. While recognizing the guidelines for the protection of indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact in the Americas prepared by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the corresponding guidelines elaborated by OHCHR, the Permanent Forum recommends that OHCHR, in cooperation with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and with the participation of indigenous peoples' organizations, evaluate the progress made, identify implementation gaps and make recommendations to advance the protection of indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation and initial contact and to guarantee their rights.

## **Comments**

The OHCHR technical mission, which has been deployed in Bolivia, will continue to closely monitor the situation of indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation, including through technical support to the authorities. In addition, the HRA in Paraguay will participate in a regional event, which will be organized by the

International Working Group of Indigenous Peoples Living in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact (GTI-PIACI) in Asunción, Paraguay from 5 to 9 December 2022. The event will further discuss strategies to strengthen the protection of indigenous peoples living in voluntary isolation and initial contact. – page 2.

The Office further provides technical guidance to the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, notably for the development of national action plans on business and human rights, with particular attention to the rights of indigenous peoples affected by business activities and infrastructure projects.

## **Area of Work**

Human rights